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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. **For Fixed Deposits**—For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. **Drafts**, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per annum. " 6 " " 4% " " " 12 " " 5% " " "

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Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £300,000. **RESERVE FUND**, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG—General Banking, and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. **On Fixed Deposits**, For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

NINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CRUMB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VERNON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Peruvia, and French and English MALES.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, comprising—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS. FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

FANCY TIES and SCARFS. PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVET and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS. COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PEPLISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN. TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A Good Selection of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDE HORSES.

CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. LAWN TENNIS and CROQUET SETS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS.

The CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLEMEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

SAM HING STUITE,

has just received per "OTTERBURN,"

and

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in every STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES

PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

MINCEMEAT.

SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS.

CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

DRAGEES.

French and English BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.

ASSORTED COCAQUES.

TELEPHONE CRACKERS.

CONFERENCE CRACKERS.

AQUARIUM CRACKERS.

French and English TOYS.

MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.

SWIMMING DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.

DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.

PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.

ROCKING HORSES.

MUSICAL BOXES.

TEA and DINNER SETS.

NOAH'S ARKS.

WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS.

SPADES and PAIRS.

BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

WORK BASKETS and BOXES.

LADIES' COMPANIONS.

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

CARD RECEIVERS.

STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES.

Pharaoh WRITING CABINETS.

SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.

RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, fitted.

TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES.

CIGAR BOXES.

WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated Ware.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.

PARTAGA'S HAYANA CIGARS.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

Intimations.

WONG CHIU,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

No. 84, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

(Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS

FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.

December 11, 1878.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 17th December, 1878.

THE CORPS will PARADE for a Field Day at Kowloon on THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, at 10 o'clock a.m., on the VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND.

MEMBERS to be worn.

Members who keep their Arms, &c., in the Ordinary Room should be there by 8.30 a.m.

There will be a Preliminary DRILL on SATURDAY Next, the 21st Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m. All Members are requested to attend.

HELMETS to be worn.

A. COXON,

Captain-Commandant H. K. V.

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to

H. M. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

UNDER the Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the Woodbury Co.

Enlargements are now being made in PRIMAVERA PICTURE, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than were charged for the old portable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting instrument for the production of Children's Portraits.

ALL STRIPS of PHOTOGRAPHY Taken Daily at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

Intimations.

W. KERR TAYLOR,

HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSED and GILDING.

No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, HONGKONG.

December 9, 1878.

MOORE & Co.,

"VARIETY STORE"

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP "AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs. J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engineed by Messrs. Ton and McGee, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 28 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. V. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class Lloyd's 90 A1; Water Ballast; "Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARRIS'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft for 8. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be sold SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEER, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGG,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878.

Auctions.

WINE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, without reserve, (in order to close Consignments), on

SATURDAY,

the 21st December, at Noon, in their Sales Room, Praya,—

21 Cases quarts JULES CAMUSSET'S CHAMPAGNE, Grand Vin Extra, Dry.

And a few Cases of LAFFITE & Co.'s OLARETS, comprising: Chateau Latour, St. Emilion, Bonnes Graves and Medoc.

Above WINES are in First-rate Condition, and will be sold in quantities to suit Purchasers.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (Direct.)

The Spanish Steamer "MARIFELES,"

Monor, Master, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY

Next, the 21st Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 17, 18

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.FIRST APPEARANCE OF
MISS FLORENCE HOWE.To-morrow Evening,
(SATURDAY), December 21st, 1878.

TWO OPERAS.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1878.Will be produced for the First Time in
Hongkong

LÉON'S COMIC OPERETTA

"THE CRIMSON SCARF,"
AND

OHAR. LECOCQ'S OPERETTA EXTRAVAGANZA

"THE SEA NYMPHS;
A ROMANCE OF
A TIDAL TRAIN."

NEW SCENERY—NEW DRESSES.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

CORALIE—PEARLINE,
(Two Sea Nymphs sent in a rash moment,
by their friends to a Flory-ship
School at Pookham).MISS CLARA STANLEY,
MISS FLORENCE HOWE.SMITH—JONES,
(Engineer in the service of the Ocean
Cable Maintenance Co., Limited),
Mr. H. VERNON, and Mr. J. ROLLINGS.

TWINKLE FIN,.....Miss B. DRAGER.

KRAKEN—TORPEDO,
(Submarine monsters in love with Coralie
and Pearlina).

Mr. M. HAZENAR, and Mr. H. PHILLIPS.

NETUNE,
(Ruler of the Waves when Britannia is
otherwise occupied),
Mr. G. ANDREWS.

Scene—Davy Jones's Locker.

Accompanied—Miss A. DRAGER.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
Messrs LAYB, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, where a
Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra.....
Stalls..... TWO DOLLARS,
Pit..... ONE DOLLAR.Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. de22THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. H. VERNON
begs to announce that he will
shortly take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT.

On which occasion he will be assisted by the
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,
Who have kindly given their valuable
services.COMEDY AND OPERA
FORMR. H. VERNON'S
FAREWELL BENEFIT.Particulars shortly.
Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for countersi-
gnature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.Ex "Pei Ho."
N.M.K. (in diamond) 545 Imp. Aldridge
V.S.O. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases
Millinery.K.J. (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-
L.S.O. dachery, from London.J.B.S. 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from
London.S.J.C. 256, Order, 1 case Merino, from
London.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OFJOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,
Deceased.IT is hereby notified that Probate of the
last Will and Testament of JOAO
JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased,
was granted to the Undersigned on the
5th day of November, 1878.(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,
" D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,
" M. C. DOS REMEDIOS,
" A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. ja14

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is
Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS
at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM THE 1st OF OCTOBER,
DR. EASTLAKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
Medical Hall.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
23RD AND 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.FIRST DAY.
MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1878.FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For
Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance
\$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Bro-
kers' Cup." Open to any one who has
never won a Sculling-Race in China
and Japan.SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled
by European Non-Commissioned
Officers and Men of any Regiment or
Corps in Garrison, or by European
Members of the Police Force. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats
excluded.THIRD RACE.—3 P.M.—The "Chairman's
Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters.
Distance One-mile-and-a-half. En-
trance \$10.FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. No time allowed for
Oars.FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse,"
For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round
Stake Boat and back to Flag Ship.
Entrance \$5.SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats
—Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6
seconds per Oar.SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—International
Race, "Challenge Cup"—presented by
the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.SAILING RACE.—For Men-of-War's Boats,
any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize,
\$20; Second, \$10.SAILING RACE.—For Sailing Ships' Boats
only. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20;
Second, \$10.YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Entrance
\$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15
seconds per ton. Cup presented by the
Victoria Recreation Club.SECOND DAY,
TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by
European Non-Commissioned Officers
and Men of any Regiment or Corps in
Garrison, or by European Members of
the Police Force. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second,
\$5. Winner of Second Race on first
day and Outrigged Boats excluded.SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For House
Boats —Gigs pulled by Chinamen.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of
Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time
for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—"Members' Cup,"
presented by Members of the Victoria
Recreation Club—for Four-Oared Canton
Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-half.
Entrance \$10. Winner of "The
Chairman's Cup" excluded.FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Cutters. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; second,
\$5. No time allowed for Oars.FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—Senior Sculls, Cup
presented by the Parsee Community.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5.
Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" ex-
cluded.SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For Officers of
H.M.S. Iron Duke against Fleet in
harbour. Cup presented by the Mem-
bers of the Hongkong Club, to be
rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$10.SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"American Cup,"
open to all Members and Honorary
Members of the Victoria Recreation
Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.SAILING RACE.—For all open Boats, Chi-
nese excluded. Entrance \$2. First
Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.YACHT RACE.—For Yachts over 20 tons.
Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Ton-
nage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup pre-
sented by the Victoria Recreation
Club.YACHT RACE.—For Yachts not exceeding
12 Tons. Entrance \$3. Time allowed
for Tonnage, 15 seconds per Ton.
Prize presented by the Hongkong
Yacht Club.DUDLEY C. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.
Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de24

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—FORTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.
Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.
Morrison.—Meyer & Co.FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.
Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.NAPIER, British barque, Capt. W. L.
Bryar.—Messageries Maritimes.FIFTH OF FORBES, British barque, Capt.
J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain
James Beer.—Captain.TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Joes-
son.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H.
von Kroge.—Eduard Schellhaus & Co.ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.
Chas. E. Nelson.—Captain.CLIVE, British steamer, Captain N.
Pearce.—Borneo Company, Limited.E. H. BEARDS, "Humbert" barque, Capt.
A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.PHARON, British barque, Captain H.
Schoel.—Wieler & Co.ONSALE, British barque, Captain John
Le Coultre.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt.
R. With.—Chinese.KVIK, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole
Larsen.—Meyer & Co.MAID OF JUDAS, British barque, Capt.
Alfred W. Webb.—Rosaire & Co.DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo.
Smith.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Intimations.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSUR-
ANCE CO., LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given, that in con-
sequence of Messrs OLYPHANT
& Co. having suspended Payment, the
Board of Directors of the above Company,
at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the
Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant,
Appointed Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as
General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Busi-
ness of the said Company will be transacted.To Confirm the Action of the Board of
Directors with Reference to the Appoint-
ment of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH as
General Agent of the Company, an Extra-
ordinary MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office
of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th
January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the After-
noon, when an audited Statement of the
Affairs of the Company will be submitted.By Order of the Board,
WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th to the
31st Instant, both days inclusive.By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-
PANY, LIMITED.THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 27th inst.
to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. ja3

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the
SOCIETY will take place about the
middle of FEBRUARY next.The Days of Exhibition will be advertised
at an early date.W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the Ne-
cessary Appliances for SAVING
OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake
Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth
of 50 Fathoms as to terms, &c., apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. ja9

HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,from 1st October, and trusts that they may
grat him their support.SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite
the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR
FOR SALE.IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS.
Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA & KOBE.

The Steamship
"GLENGLYLE,"
Captain QUARTY, will leave
for the above Ports at Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1878. de24

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenlyne having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods—
with the exception of Opium—being
landed at their risk in the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be
obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 11
o'clock on Saturday, the 21st Instant.Cargo remaining undelivered after the
27th Instant will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1878. de27

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 18, Faugh Balough, German barque,
440, D. Rito, Vining Nov. 29, Salt.—
CARLOWITZ & Co.Dec. 20, Patroclus, British steamer, 1650,
White, Shanghai Dec. 18, and Amoy 19,
6 a.m., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.Dec. 20, Dayna, British barque, 428,
George Scott, Swatow Dec. 19, Ballast.—
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.Dec. 20, Agate, American barque, 820,
M. Pike, Swatow Dec. 18, noon, Ballast.—
CARLIS.Dec. 20, Tottum, British steamer, 268,
E. W. Goring, Swatow Nov. 18, General.—
KRON AGENCIES.Dec. 21, Glenlyne, British steamer, 1268,
B. Quarty, London Oct. 28, via ports of
call, and Singapore Dec. 11, General.—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.Dec. 21, Earl of Devon, for Rangoon,
Niagara, for San Francisco.

Dec. 21, Tattler, for Rangoon.

Dec. 21, Dirigo, for Hamburg.

Dec. 21, Alby, for Amoy.

Dec. 21, Danube, for Bangkok.

Dec. 21, Yokohama, for Quinhao.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 20, Dirigo, for Hamburg.

Dec. 20, John Potts, for Keelung.

Dec. 20, Janet, for Singapore.

Dec. 20, Dolphin, for Fuyuan (Oochin-China).

Dec. 20, Heat Yuen, for Shanghai.

Dec. 20, China, for Shanghai via Ningpo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Glenlyne, from London, Dr Anderson,
Mr Pickenella, Miss Harfield, and Miss
Paybody, and 120 Chinese from Straits.Per Patroclus, from Shanghai, 2 Euro-
peans.Per Tottum, from Swatow, 2 Europeans,
and 144 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per China, for Shanghai, Miss Hanley,
and 25 Chinese.Per Janet, for Singapore, 2 Europeans,
Per Dolphin, for Fuyuan, 12 Chinese.Per Heat Yuen, for Shanghai, 100 Chi-
nese.

TO DEPART.

Per Glenlyne, from Hongkong: for South-
ampton, Messrs A. Otley, S. Ray, &c.,
and O. Canepa; for Galle, Mr Tugwell; for
Bombay, Messrs A. Moorman, G. Ajacoo-
bhoy, S. Moorjee, and Victor; for Singa-
pore, Messrs Collins and G. Halpern. From
Shanghai: for London, Mr John Prior.From Yokohama: for Galle, Capt. A. H.
Hornby.

Per Tattler, for Quinhao, 10 Chinese.

Per Alby, for Amoy, 20 Chinese.

Per Danube, for Bangkok, 74 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Tottum reports:
Moderate N.W. winds and fine weather.The British steamer Glenlyne reports:
On the Dec. 16th, experienced a hard gale
off Pulo Sapatu from N.N.E. to S.E., and
strong North-easterly winds with high sea
the remainder of passage. Nov. 16th, spoke
S.S. Glenalloy bound to New York, in lat. 8.10
N., long. 71 E.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Glenlyne, for London, 547 half-
cheats, 68 cases and 482 boxes Tea, 875
bales Silk, 66 boxes Silk Goods, 78 bales
Waste Silk, and 177 pkgs. Sundries. For
Continent, 361 bales Silk, 35 pkgs. Sundries,
and 152 bales Waste Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.—
Per Alby, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 21st inst.For MANILA.—
Per Maritima, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 21st inst.For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—
Per Yuen, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
21st inst.For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ,
& LONDON.
Per Patroclus, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the
23rd inst.For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY, COOK-
TOWN, MELBOURNE, &c.—
Per Zambonga, at 2.30 p.m., on Satur-
day, the 28th inst. 12 cent rates.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Glenlyne
will be despatched with Mails for the
Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma,
Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,
Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served
through London, on SATURDAY,
the 21st Instant.N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,
nor for Mauritius.The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 20th Instant.

5 a.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Saturday, 21st Instant.

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases. Post-
ing of all printed matter ceases.11 a.m. Mails closed, except for Lat-
teters.11.10 a.m. Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents until11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.11.40 a.m. Late Letters may be posted
on board the Packet with Late Fee of
18 cents until time of departure.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de21

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Felho will
be despatched from Hongkong on
SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Naples,
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,
Galle, Australia, New Zealand,
Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles,
Reunion, Mauritius, Suva,
and Alexandria. This is the best
opportunity for forwarding Corre-
spondence to E. Africa, the Cape,
St. Helena, and Antaresion.Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA
by this Packet.The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 27th December.

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th December.

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-
ing of all correspondence.10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases. Post-
ing of all printed matter ceases.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878. de28

visited the Colony a year or two ago. We trust there will be a full house.

LITTLE hope seems now to remain of the safety of the steamer *Madagascar* (Captain Timm), which vessel is thirty days (or nearly three weeks) overdue from Bangkok. She is said to have been in good trim on leaving port, and was not by any means deeply laden, so that she could easily have sailed in case of accident to her machinery. There were 89 Chinese passengers on board of her, besides the officers and crew of the ship.

St. Paul's College School was examined yesterday, the 19th inst., by Dr. Eitel, the Acting Inspector of Schools, when 84 boys were presented for examination in Standards I to V. Out of the 84 presented only one failed (in Standard IV). The Examiner expressed himself thoroughly satisfied, and congratulated Mr May and his assistants on the results. The arithmetic throughout the school was good, and the grammar (which was taken up by three classes) was very good, there being no failures. The Examiner made special remark on the creditable way in which the 3rd class (Standard III) had passed, there being not a single failure in any one subject. It is understood that the school was closed yesterday as an educational establishment; and we believe Mr May, the teacher of the school, will join the staff of the Government Central School next month.

We understand that Mr S. Barff, assistant Post-master General, has been appointed Acting Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court. This appointment has been made, we believe, pending the report by the Committee or Commission which has not yet commenced to sit upon the Supreme Court and its internal economy. As Mr Barff will continue to carry on his duties in the Post-Office, and we are ignorant of that officer's qualifications for the semi-legal duties which he has been called upon to perform, it is impossible as yet to estimate the gain or otherwise to the Court-house staff which will result from the new appointment. A gentleman with special legal knowledge, or an accountant with a clear head for accounts, would seem to be an outsider to be what was most especially needed; but time will show, and the Committee's Report may throw some light on the subject if that body should ever assume a sitting posture. Probably also Sir John Smale may have a word or two to say on the subject.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, held yesterday afternoon in the Masonic Hall, the officers for the year were duly installed. We append a list of officers for the District:—

D. Grand Master, R. W. B. T. G. Linstead
D. Dep. G. M., W. B. W. S. Adams
D. G. S. Warden, W. B. H. A. Sidford
(Amoy)

J. Warden, W. B. A. G. Morris
Chaplain, Br. Rev. R. H. Kidd
Treasurer, W. B. J. T. Chater
Registrar, W. B. J. S. Cox
Pres. of the D. G. Board of Gen. Purposes, W. B. O. P. Chater
D. G. Secretary, Br. A. F. de Remedios
S. Deacon, W. B. W. M. Deane
J. Deacon, W. B. T. D. Boyd
(Amoy)

Sn. of Works, Br. W. D. D. D. D.
Dir. of Cere., W. B. E. C. Ray
Asst. do., W. B. A. Leigh (Amoy)
Sword Bearer, W. B. O. W. Dugan
Organist, Br. F. Panizza
Pursuivant, W. B. E. J. Kite
Asst. do., Br. R. Young, m.d.
Steward, Br. H. L. Donny
" Br. A. Cheyne
" Br. M. S. Tonnochy
" Br. G. May
" Br. R. D. Starkey
" Br. O. Jensen
" Tyler, Br. O. Jensen

Board of Gen. Purposes.—Official Members: R. W. D. G. Master, Deputy D. G. Master, D. G. Warden, D. G. Registrar, D. G. President, and D. G. Secretary. Unofficial Members: W. B. W. M. B. Arthur, and W. B. W. M. Deane.

It may be of interest also to add that Dr R. J. Eitel has been elected Worshipful Master of Zealand Lodge; while Mr E. C. Ray has been chosen to fill the like position in the Victoria Lodge; and Mr C. W. Dugan has been elected Worshipful Master of the United Service Lodge. The following is a list of the officers belonging to the Perseverance Lodge, of which Mr W. M. Deane has been elected Worshipful Master, the officers of the lodges above named not having yet been installed:—

W. M., W. M. Deane.
B. W., W. B. A. G. Morris.
J. W., W. B. J. T. Chater.
Treas., F. Grobden.
Sec., A. Seth.
S. D., W. B. E. C. Ray.
J. D., W. B. A. Leigh (Amoy).
U. D., W. B. O. W. Dugan.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. R. Young, m.d.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. H. L. Donny.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. A. Cheyne.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. M. S. Tonnochy.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. G. May.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. R. D. Starkey.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. O. Jensen.
D. G. S. Warden, Br. O. Jensen.

San following telegrams are from the *Straits Times* of 9th and 10th Dec:—

London, Dec. 6.—Viscount Halifax in House of Peers and Mr Samuel Whitbread, Member for Bedford, in the Commons, gave notice of a resolution condemning the Policy of the Government when it comes on for full discussion.

Amser professor was written before the war commenced, but it is believed it was written after the defeat at Al Muzil.

THE *Overland China Mail*, for to-morrow's English Mail (12pp.), contains:—

Editorial Articles.—The New Praya, Attendants at Grant-in-aid Schools, An Unsatisfactory Case, A Melancholy Budget from Home, The Chinese in Honolulu, Trade with China, The New Ports, Notes on Home News, "Chia" at the Bar, Current Topics.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, The Amateur Concert, The "Cabby" and Waterman in Hongkong, The Proposed Widening of the Praya Road, What People Say, Disastrous Fire at Pagoda Anchorage, Following Instructions, Jottings on China, A Consignee's Commendation Case, Victoria School, Execution of Newman, On the City Hall, Canton, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Miscellaneous, Supreme Court, Correspondence, Police Intelligence, Inquest, The Straits, Manila, Commercial Summary, Shipping Intelligence.

Police Intelligence.

December 20, 1878.

ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE OPIUM FARMER. Fang Akwai, passenger's cook on board the British steamer *Danube*, was charged on a summons for having two cases of prepared opium on board the steamer without a license from the opium farmer, contrary to Sections 8 and 9 of Ordinance 2 of 1858. Mr Briston appeared to watch the case on behalf of the opium farmer.

The opium was found in the defendant's room, and ten tins were found in one of the boy's rooms. The Opium Farmer said he suffered great loss through the infraction of the ordinance.

The case was remanded until Monday, the 23rd instant, defendant being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$75 each.

DRUNKENNESS. Charles Conway, seaman Sailors' Home, drunk and disorderly. Fined 5 shillings.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice Snowden).

December 20, 1878.

The Sessions were resumed to-day, the Hon. the Attorney General, instructed by Mr Tolley, Acting for the Crown Solicitor, prosecuting.

The following gentlemen comprised the jury:—Messrs. J. A. Barretto, L. Mandel, O. Vogel, E. Georg, A. O. F. Hahn, L. R. Hennequin, S. R. Rozario.

BEGINA D. LEUNG AGHOW. The prisoner was indicted for committing a burglary at a dwelling house in Fat Hing Street, and stealing therefrom sundry articles of wearing apparel valued at about \$2.40. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and sentence was reserved.

Lan Ping Chun, the Lukong who was found guilty yesterday of cutting and wounding two persons, was then brought up for sentence. His Lordship, after giving the prisoner a severe lecture, said that had it not been for the good character given him by Captain Deane, the Superintendent of Police, he would have been dealt with very severely; as it was, he was sent to 2 years' hard labour.

The Sessions were then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1878.

Sir,—Permit me to bring to your notice that Professor Marco-Vitz performance on Saturday the 4th instant, at the Garrison Theatre, was omitted to be mentioned in either the *Daily Press* or *China Mail*, although a representative of the latter paper was present during the entire performance. His tricks were considered very good, so much so that a repetition was demanded. His explanation of the Cabinet Seance was simple, exposing some would-be professors of the dark tricks to ridicule, and his par-excellence was his dance over a space of about 5 feet in circumference, in which were placed 9 watches in 3 rows; his eyes being blindfolded during his salutary action. Undoubtedly his feat in dancing with a bottle on his head or in dancing blindfolded on a small space strewn with watches is unrivalled and deserves better treatment from his brother professionals, who have other means of living.

Yours, &c.,

JUSTICE.

[An explanation of the omission to notice Mr Marco-Vitz entertainment, we may say that it was partly owing to a press of work and partly because the performance had been previously noticed.—Ed. C. M.]

LOS ANGELES CHINAMEN AFTER THE DEVIL WITH A LONG STICK.

(Los Angeles Gazette.)

Ohlntown was thronged last night with curious people, attracted thither by the Chinese religious toad-eating demonstration, toward Ah Toa. The Chinese, with a discrimination which does honor to the "moon-eyed lepers," assume that they need expect no harm from the beneficent author of the universe. But they recognize the existence of a "demon" whom we call the devil and they designate by the more poetical and euphonious term of Ah Toa—really the only instance we know of in which that capricious language appears for the nonce to be musical—and as this creature, in their eyes, is a sort of embodied devil, they expect to see him in the toad, and they do not wait to be told that he is not there. They take the goodness of the beneficent creator for granted and let him alone, as he does them, probably. They have erected a special building in Ohlntown, provided with a veranda and other et ceteras, and lighted by gas jets. They are unimpeachably "lucky" in all the appointments and ceremonies of this public religious appeal to the devil. They have imported a special Chinese band from San Francisco to do honor to the occasion, and the resultant concord of sweet sounds has already rid Ohlntown of its last rodent and sent the gophers which erstwhile infested the vineyards leading to the river in search

of fresh grape roots and tender shoots new. The fanfare will be kept up to-night, and a distinguished Chinese ecclesiastic has been imported at great expense to deliver a bang-up sermon in the most approved Chinese dialect. At what hour the Celestial circus will open we are not advised, but about the time the gas jets are turned on to a full head will be a good season to put in an appearance in Chinatown. Proprietors of the devil would do well to be on hand.

KING HUMBERT'S ILL HEALTH.

(London World.)

People about the Quirinal are looking very grave, I learn, and shake their heads ominously concerning the health of the Italian King. A Roman friend writes me: "He looks exceedingly pale, and, to my eyes, attenuated. His chest is affected, and, in order to keep up, he lives according to a very strict diet. The visits of the doctors are too frequent to be reassuring. But Humbert will work. He devotes a portion of his time daily to the investigation of the financial affairs of his father, who has left a troublesome crop of unpleasant monetary claims behind him. A special secretary attends to this business. Knowing very well that Humbert is averse to any public scandal, the Roman tradesmen are exorbitant in their claims for luxuries applied to the ladies of the late King's establishment. The ladies refuse to pay, on the plea that the debts belong to the dead King; and in some instances the bills have only been settled when initiatory proceedings have been commenced in the civil courts." Considering that the affairs of no less than eighteen domestic establishments have to be settled, Umberto's morning occupation cannot be pleasant.

REVERSING SCREWS AND STERLING.

(United Service Gazette.)

The importance of the matter upon which Mr Osborne Reynolds, Secretary to the Committee of the British Association on the Steering of Screw Steamers, writes, in a letter to a London paper, induces us to make the following extracts from it. After stating that since his letter on the loss of the *Grosvenor* *Kew* the writer had received numerous communications from naval officers and others, Mr Reynolds proceeds to say:—

The point at present in question is a very simple one; it relates solely to the case of a ship under way—moving fast ahead through the water—when some obstacle suddenly presents itself, so near that it can only be avoided by the putting forth of the utmost powers of manœuvre which the ship possesses. Some idea of the proximity of such an obstacle may at once be formed from the following facts which are derived from our experiments: 1. A screw steamer of ordinary proportions requires from three to five lengths in which to stop herself. When steaming ahead with her rudder hard over, she can turn in a circle the radius of which is about four times her length. Under the circumstances described there appear to be three courses open to those in charge of the ship:—(1) to reverse the screw and try to stop the ship; (2) to try and turn out of the way; (3) to try to stop and turn. At first sight it would seem that the third course must be the safest. It will at once be seen, however, that the apparent advisability of the course thus prescribed proceeds from the assumption that the steering and stopping powers of the ship are independent. The stopping of a large ship is a work of time.

Now, the main point which our committee has had in view has been to ascertain how far the reversing the screw in order to stop the ship does or does not interfere with the action of the rudder during the interval of stopping. And it is as regards this effect that the most important light has been thrown on the question of handling screw steamships.

It is found to be an invariable rule that during the interval in which a ship is stopping herself by her reversed screw the rudder produces none of its usual effect to turn the ship, but that, such effect as it does produce is to turn the ship in the reverse direction to that in which it would turn if the screw were driving ahead. The magnitude of this reverse effect is always comparatively feeble, and is very different for different ships and different conditions of loading, so that, as one of my correspondents forcibly expresses it, 'the rudder had better be on shore for all the good it does, when the screw is reversed, to stop the ship.'

And besides this, during the interval of stopping, the ship is at the mercy of any influences other than that of her rudder, which no longer controls her. These several influences—the reversed action of the rudder, the effect of the wind, and the action of the screw—determine the course of the ship during the interval of stopping. Sometimes they balance each other, then the ship proceeds straight on; but any one of the three may predominate and determine the course of the ship.

The utmost effect of these influences, when they all act in conjunction, as when the screw is right-handed, the helm is starboarded, and the wind is on the starboard side, is small as compared with the effect of the rudder as it acts when the ship is steaming ahead. Every ship which has been tried for the committee has, while stopping with the screw reversed, required a circle of more than twice the diameter of that in which she would turn with the screw driving ahead; so that even if those in charge could govern the direction in which a ship would turn while stopping, she turns very slowly, and in point of fact, those in charge have little or no control over this direction, and unless they are exceptionally well acquainted with the ship, they will not be able to predict with certainty the direction in which she will turn.

It is easy to see, therefore, that if on approaching danger the screw be reversed, all idea of turning the ship must be abandoned. The question as to the advisability of reversing the screw is thus seen to be simply a question as to whether the danger can be avoided by stopping or by turning. The ship cannot do both. To try and stop when running into danger is as natural that it is almost impossible to believe it to be a fatal mistake. And yet the unmistakable result of the trials is to show that in most cases it is so. A ship when going at full speed cannot be stopped by the reversing of her screw until she has run a distance of from three to five times her length, depending mainly on her build, so that if the obstacle is within this distance she cannot avoid it by stopping.

If she keeps on ahead she can turn in a circle, the radius of which will be about four lengths, so that when she is directly

approaching an obstacle which is as broad as the coast, a ship would be as well able to avoid it by turning as by stopping; and if the object be of limited extent, like a ship, she may avoid it by turning; if he does not reverse, in a distance of two or three lengths, even if the ship be broadside on, whereas, when approaching obliquely, a distance of much less than this will suffice.

It is perfectly certain, therefore, that when in open water two ships, one or both moving fast, are in such a position that there is danger of a collision at a distance from either ship less than that in which she can stop, her chance of avoiding a collision is by steering, and not by stopping, and this is particularly the case when the distance is short, for then, although the interval may be sufficient to enable the ship to somewhat diminish her way by reversing the screw, this will make but little difference to the distance run.

It has been often argued that ships have no business to be so near danger. When it can be avoided this is obviously true, but it must be remembered that the distance which may be called dangerous increases in proportion to the length of the ship. A large ship, say 4,000 tons, 400 feet long, requires something like a third of a mile to stop in two such ships approaching; if they reverse their screws, are in danger when they are within two thirds of a mile of each other, and under certain circumstances of the weather it is not possible for them to perceive each other until well within such distances.

With reference to the steering power of ships, Mr Reynolds remarks:—

There is one custom which prevails which renders all attempts to turn the ships unavailing, and that is the use of very great multiplying gear in the steering-wheels. By means of this the helm of the largest ships are brought under the control of one or two men, but just as power over the helm is increased, the speed at which it can be moved is diminished. In many of our large 'transatlantic' steamers the power available for turning the helm, although amply sufficient if time be allowed, is not sufficient when the vessel is going at full speed to bring the helm hard a-port or hard a-starboard in less than two or three minutes. Such arrangements as these, are, of course, fatal to all attempts to avoid imminent danger by steering. It is essential that in large ships the moving of the helm should take longer than in small ones, but there is no reason why the helm of the largest ship should not be put hard over in twenty or thirty seconds if sufficient power be provided.

COMMERCIAL.

Dec. 20.

A quiet tone has prevailed in the market for Bengal Opium since the dispatch of the last report of supplies by the direct steamers for the rates for both kinds of New Drug weakened, and a decline has been submitted to by the importers. Subsequently, there has been but very little variation, and a pretty fair business has been done. The proximity of the Chinese New Year, and the large stock that has to be carried over to next year, coupled with the advice of a full supply being on the way, forebadow no promising state of things. The present quotations are \$560 to \$562 for New Patna, and \$580 to \$582 for New Benares.

The receipts for the month, so far, show an aggregate of 3,471 chests, against 4,214 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice some 1,200 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 1,000 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available stock computed at 2,000 chests, against 8,100 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 550 chests.

MESSRS HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Saturday, December 21st, says:—

There has been a little enquiry for sailing tonnage during the last fortnight, but freight is as low as last reported both homeward and seaward, the large number of vessels here and on the Coast preventing any improvement.

Homewards, several settlements are reported. The actual rates have not transpired, but it is understood that no advance is shown on the quotations in last Circular. The charter effected for Manila has not led to any further business, though some demand is looked for from the Philippines shortly, as few vessels are now disengaged there.

Coastwise, demand has been principally for the Coochin China Salt Ports, for which business very low rates have been accepted. For the Rice Ports nothing is doing yet, and steamers are in such slight demand, that one or two have gone to Singapore in ballast.

German barque Varuna, 456 tons, left for Saigon via Singapore under orders from home.

British barque Emily Chaplin, 738 tons, left for Akyab under orders from home.

British barque Olga, 811 tons, proceeds to Burmah Rice Ports under orders from home.

British ship Lencadia, 898 tons, left for Akyab under orders from home.

British ship Melbret, 870 tons, left for Manila under orders from home.

British barque Napier, 1177 tons, leaves for Calcutta under charter effected at home.

French barque St. Adresse, 590 tons, left for Nicaragua under orders from home.

British barque Hilda, 898 tons, proceeds to Nagasaki to load for Hakodate.

British barque Pease, 384 tons, left for Chefoo "seeking."

British barque Aleppo, 665 tons, left for Chefoo "seeking."

British barque Cuba, 390 tons, left for Chefoo "seeking."

German barque Wodan, 439 tons, cleared for Guam "seeking."

German barque Catharina, 844 tons, cleared for Guam "seeking."

British barque Orion, 387 tons, cleared for Bangkok "seeking."

French barque Marie Louise, 423 tons, left for Quinhon "seeking."

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 51 vessels, registering 37,460 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—

British barque Mercury, 361, to London, private.

Swedish barque Alma, 332, (previous charter to Hamburg cancelled), to London, private.

German barque Concor, 363, to Hamburg, private.

German barque Yatta, 602, to Cherbourg.

for orders to discharge in a Port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, between Havre and Hamburg, private.

American ship Fleetwing, 827, to New York, private.

American barque S. R. Bearce, 607, to New York, private.

American ship Don Quixote, 1127, Manila to New York or Boston, private.

British barque Earl of Devon, 441, Burmah Rice Ports to United Kingdom or Continent, 22 per ton, of 20 cwt., 30 lay days.

German barque Manila II, 511, to San Francisco, private.

American barque Crusader, 689, to Honolulu, private.

German barque Humboldt, 320, Manila to Hongkong, (timber), \$2,000 in full.

German barque Hamburg, 349, Bangkok to Foochow, (timber), \$13 per ton of 50 feet.

German barque Hannes, 498, to Tournon, and back to Hongkong, via Coomong or Quinhon, \$2,050 in full, 45 lay days.

German 3-m. schooner Delphin, 238, to Quinhon and back, \$1,150 in full, 40 lay days.

British barque Hyton Castle, 548, Fuzhou (Coochin-China), to Hongkong, \$1,800 in full, 40 lay days.

German barque Johann Smidt, 373, to Quinhon and back, \$1,400 in full, 65 lay days.

German brig Tartar, 256, to Quinhon and back, \$950 in full, 35 lay days.

German barque Civiale, 330, Takao to Yokohama, 18 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

Danish steamer Hakon Adelsten, 1007, to Singapore and Penang, \$3,800 in full.

Spanish steamer Zamboanga, 615, to Port Darwin, Cooktown, Sydney and Melbourne, private.

MESSRS DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 19th Dec, says:—

Our last report was dated the 8th instant. There has been a very small business passing in our Tea market, and the season is now drawing fast to a close.

Congou.—Only a limited demand has existed here; of the few settlements made, those of common grade show no change in value, but the finer kinds have commanded full prices. At Macao, a fair amount of contracts are reported, and total shipments thence will show a very considerable increase on those of last season.

Scattered Teas.—As will be seen from the figures given transactions show a marked falling off; purchases have all been in favor of buyers, but have been of such a trifling nature, that we do not quote any change in the market, though doubtless some holders will soon be willing to accept even lower rates, in order to clear out their stock before the end of the Native year.

Stocks of Capers and Pekoes are now reduced to a small compass, and among the teas on offer there is hardly a parcel that is properly scented; business, during the remainder of the season, is therefore likely to be very meagre.

The following is a summary of the business since the 8th instant:—

Congou, 1,100 boxes at Tls. 18 a 26 per picul; Scented Capar, 200 boxes at Tls. 204 per picul; Scented Orange Pekoe, 500 boxes at Tls. 13 a 20 per picul.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Dec. 5, S. S. Lombardy, S. Capar 228,741 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 23,203 lbs., total 251,944 lbs.; 7, S. S. *Argemone*, Congou 314,752 lbs., S. Capar 250,805 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 66,054 lbs., total 631,611 lbs.; 12, S. S. *Anadyr*, Congou 102,647 lbs., S. Capar 149,432 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 22,720 lbs., total 274,799 lbs.—Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 20,789,584 lbs.; against 18,311,060 for season 1877-78.

Silk.—Business in this article has been circumscribed. Chinamen have shown little disposition to sell except on their own terms, to which foreigners have been inclined to accede. Settlements are 200 bales of Tatlee reals, 120 of which were taken for the last French mail. Unless we have news of an improvement in the home market, we do not expect a livelier tone here, and little business is likely to be done till after China New Year (the January date). Silk of seventh crop is now beginning to arrive in Canton. The yield is put at only 300 to 400 bales, and is said to be almost entirely yellow thread.

Long-reels.—No single transaction in these descriptions is reported.

Re-reels.—Recent contracts are 250 to 800 boxes of Cumchuck and Luoklow at about former quoted rates, considerable shipments of re-reels silk, previously settled, are expected to go forward by next American mail.

Stock is estimated at 2,000 bales Tatlee, 100 bales Kowkong, 150 bales Cumchuck and Luoklow, and 200 to 300 bales of inferior kinds.

Waste.—No settlements have transpired. Export of Silk.—Export to date:—To London, 3659 bales; to Continent, 4648 bales; to America, 4838 boxes; to Bombay, 2311 piculs;—total, 8337 bales 4688 boxes, or 2311 piculs. Of Waste, 5587 bales and Pierced Cocoons 556 bales for Europe.

QUOTATIONS.

Curio, \$470
No. 1, \$435
No. 2, \$415
No. 3, \$395
No. 4, \$375
Cumchuck & Luoklow, — \$410
Re-reels Cumchuck & Luoklow, Best \$325

No. 1, \$405
No. 2, \$385
No. 3, \$365
Cote-og-own, 1, \$580
No. 1, \$580
No. 2, \$560
Waste Silk, No. 1, \$ 81
Cocoons Pierced, 1, \$ 80

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTHNIGHT.

1878-79. 1877-78.

For Europe, 2100 bla. 800 bla.

United States, nil.

For Europe, 2500 bla. 84 bla.

Bombay, nil.

DRUGS AND SPICES.—Cassia Lignea, is quoted at \$9.50 a \$9.60 in mats, and \$9.80 a \$9.90 in boxes. Sales: 4,000 piculs. Stock: 12,000 piculs. Cassia Bu's, \$15.50; no sales. Stock 25 piculs. Alum, \$1.70 a \$1.80 per picul. Camphor, \$20.00 a \$20.50 per picul, packed.

SUMMER.—Fire Crackers, 70 a 74 cents per box, for Gowqua's No. 1, gold chop. Vermilion: \$35.00 a \$34.50 per box. Mating: Fine contract, White 4/4, 11 cents; 5/4, 12 cents; 6/4, 13 cents; 7/4, 14 cents; 8/4, 15 cents; 9/4, 16 cents; 10/4

Balls.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GEORGE," Captain C. FRASER, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-
cember, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMADIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS,
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th December,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. FEHO, Commandant PASQUALE,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be given until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m.
on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALIC" will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at
5 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 30th December. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de8

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies
that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or
by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Goodwill of his Business
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS
LAPRAIK & Co.
E. VINCENT.
Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have
this Day Established a BRANCH of their
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized
Mr G. D. FITZPATRICK to Sign per Procuration.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day established myself as
GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.
CARL DENKE.
Office, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.
and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo, pp. 404.—By KERNER JOHN EITNER,
Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars
and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, Crawford
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK,
FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the
1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute
PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three
Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY
known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated
at Hongkong, Shanghai, in the Empire of
China, comprising several Rows of GO-
DOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the
Staff, and several Rows of WORK-
SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete,
and covering an Area of about 24 acres.
The Foundry commands a fine River
Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is
the most complete for the Building and
Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the
Terms upon which they will take the above
Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received
until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the
COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Pootung,
Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which
Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about
1,200 feet, and covering an Area of about
4 English acres, with Two DWELLING
HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and
CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one-half of the Pur-
chase Money can remain on mortgage of
the Property assigned, and in the case of a
Lease, substantial security must be given
for the due fulfillment of the same by the
tenant. The Company does not bind
itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
Hankow Road,
SHANGHAI.

December 5, 1878. de2

TO LET.

THE HOUSE at the Western end of the
ALBANY.

For Particulars, apply to Messrs LINSTED
& Co.
Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de28

WANTED.

POSSESSION 15th JANUARY NEXT,
In a Central Locality.

A HOUSE of 4-6 ROOMS.
Apply to
A. B. O.,
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, THE FIRST FLOOR, with im-
mediate possession.

No. 3, THE FIRST FLOOR and BASE-
MENT, either separately or to-
gether, with immediate possession.

As also,
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-
venience. Fine spacious Verandah looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent,
pro tem.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Batavia and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Excludes of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore A., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked S., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Aegon	5	Stewart	Brit.	str.	843	Dec. 13	Linthead & Co.	Takao & Yokohama
Albay	5	H. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy & Taiwan
Bombay	5	h. Ashton	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Ningpo & Shanghai
China	4	Backermann	Ger.	str.	648	Dec. 18	Stemmen & Co.	
Clive	2	Prosser	Brit.	str.	810	Dec. 8	Horneo Company, Limited	Bangkok
Dale	3	Thompson	Brit.	str.	654	Dec. 17	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Danube	2	Clanchy	Brit.	str.	654	Dec. 8	Yuen Fat Hong	
Fame	8	Stapan	Brit.	str.	117		H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	To-day
Geelong	5	Fraser	Brit.	str.	1834	Dec. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Tug Plying
Hakon Adelsen	5	Bergh	Norw.	str.	1004	Nov. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	To-morrow
Hwai Yuen	5	Wilson	Chil.	str.	735	Dec. 18	C. M. S. N. Co.	S'pore and Penang
Malacca	5	Smith	Brit.	str.	1846	Dec. 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Marivale	5	Munoz	Span.	str.	428	Dec. 18	Remedios & Co.	Yokohama
Norma	5	Negel	Ger.	str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Manila
Olympia	2	White	Ger.	str.	783	Dec. 18	Stemmen & Co.	To-morrow
Patroclus	5	White	Brit.	str.	1650	Dec. 20	Butterfield & Swire	Saigon
Penedo	5	Cain	Brit.	str.	652	Dec. 19	Malchers & Co.	London, &c.
Perusia	5	McKirdy	Belg.	str.	2297	Dec. 17	Order	
Sea Gull	1	Roberts	Amer.	str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	
Somerset	5	Pockley	Brit.	str.	1100	Dec. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports
Thales	4	Poock	Brit.	str.	825	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	28th, noon
Yesso	5	H. Ashton	Brit.	str.	559	Dec. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports
Zamboanga	4	Azranguren	Span.	str.	615	Dec. 12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	22d, daylight
							Australian Ports	28th last.
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Besse	2	Noyes	Amer.	bgs.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	
Alma	7	Ohlsson	Swed.	bgs.	332	Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	London
Alva	2	Souza	Port.	ah.	831	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.	Bombay
Amy Turner	2	Newell	Amer.	bgs.	891	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	New York
Annie S. Hall	5	Nelson	Amer.	bktline.	453	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Artistic	3	Lahaye	Frech.	bgs.	339	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.	
Black Watch	2	Kennish	Brit.	bgs.	491	Dec. 6	Master	
Bus Cao	1	Lange	Siam.	bgs.	388	Nov. 20	Ohlsson	Sand's Ship
Capella	2	Andersen	Swed.	bgs.	307	Dec. 6	Captain	
Carnarvonshire	5	Fishwick	Brit.	bgs.	358	Nov. 18	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Charis	2	Gautiere	Fch.	bgs.	266	Nov. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	
Chenot	1	Bakke	Brit.	3m.s.	304	Nov. 14	Borneo Co., Limited	
Christina	3	Ospra	Nic.	3m.s.	173	Dec. 3	J. J. don Remedios & Co.	
Cingales	1	Le Couter	Brit.	bgs.	836	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Keelung
Civile	4	Nissen	Ger.	bgs.	380	Nov. 20	Stemmen & Co.	Takao & Yokohama
Coeran	8	h.	Amer.	sch.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	
Coloma	4	h.	Amer.	bgs.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	London
Commissary	7	Morison	Brit.	ah.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.	Hamburg
Concor	2	Steffens	Ger.	bgs.	358	Nov. 22	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai
Connaught Ranger	2	Murphy	Brit.	ah.	1153	Dec. 3	Malchers & Co.	K'loon Dock
Corduan	2	Bertaud	Fch.	bgs.	459	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.	
Craig Ard.	7	Hawkins	Brit.	bgs.	811	Nov. 24	Olyphant & Co.	Rangoon
Cruader	4	Ingram	Amer.	bgs.	699	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Honolulu
Dartmouth	7	Robertson	Brit.	bgs.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Demara
Delphin	4	Lienthal	Ger.	3m.s.	358	Nov. 18	Wielor & Co.	Fuyau
Don Quixote	4	h.	Amer.	ah.	1128	Sept. 18	Russell & Co.	Manila
Earl of Devon	4	h.	Brit.	bgs.	391	Nov. 18	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Rangoon
Elizabeth Childs	4	Beck	Brit.	bgs.	391	Nov. 9	Wielor & Co.	Cleared
Elizabeth Nicholas	3	Grider	Brit.	ah.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited	
Emilio V.	2	Morillo	Ital.	bgs.	724	Nov. 20	D. Musso & Co.	Nagasaki
Esperance	4	Guillon	Fch.	bgs.	372	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	
Fanny	4	Gougon	Fch.	bgs.	314	Nov. 6	Landstein & Co.	
Fanny Balgah	3	Ritte	Ger.	bgs.	440	Dec. 19	Carlowitz & Co.	
Firth of Forth	7	Cowper	Brit.	bgs.	880	Nov. 22	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Rangoon
Floetwing	3	Guest	Amer.	ah.	829	Oct. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Floetwing	3	Jacobson	Dan.	bgs.	365	Nov. 22	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Cleared
Florence Nightingale	4	McIntyre	Brit.	bgs.	464	Dec. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	K'loon Dock
Fontenay	4	Taylor	Brit.	ah.	635	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Forward	2	Vandevord	Brit.	bgs.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	
Friederich	3	Bertelsen	Ger.	3m.s.	283	Nov. 24	Wielor & Co.	
Friedrich	2	Dau	Ger.	bgs.	594	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Gednie Brons.	3	Trumbach	Ger.	bgs.	402	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Hall Columbia	3	Brereton	Amer.	sch.	353	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Oost'an Dock
Hamburg	4	Kroge	Ger.	bgs.	349	Nov. 29	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Bangkok
Hansa	3	Deneken	Ger.	bgs.	498	Nov. 12	Wielor & Co.	Touron
Hattie N. Bangs	3	Bangs	Amer.	3m.s.	566	Dec. 1	Captain	Oost'an Dock
Hawthorn	3	Mead	Brit.	bgs.	296	Dec. 2	Wielor & Co.	
Helene	4	Volguarden	Ger.	bgs.	372	Nov. 28	Wielor & Co.	
Highlander	4	Huthinson	Amer.	ah.	1352	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Holstein	4	Kulper	Ger.	3m.s.	281	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	
Hotsugun	4	Shaw	Brit.	bgs.	623	Sept. 3	Rozario & Co.	M'bourne & Dunedin
Hydon Castle	2	Scott	Brit.	bgs.	648	Nov. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Fuyuen
Invincible	8	Strickland	Amer.	ah.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	
J. H. Ingell	7	Daw	Amer.	bgs.	609	Nov. 20	Butterfield & Swire	
Johns Fredrick	4	Knacke	Ger.	bgs.	242	Nov. 24	Wielor & Co.	Nagasaki
Johns Smdt	3	Borne	Norw.	bgs.	439	Dec. 7	Malchers & Co.	Quinhon
Kvik	3	Larsen	Norw.	bgs.	417	Dec. 14	Meyer & Co.	
Laura R. Burnham	2	Phillips	Amer.	3m.s.	673	Dec. 16	Captain	
Louisa	3	Shierlok	Ger.	3m.s.	245	Oct. 17	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Haiphong
Lulu	3	Maber	Brit.	3m.s.	378	Nov. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Foochow
Maid of Judah	3	Webb	Brit.	bgs.	648	Dec. 14	Rozario & Co.	K'loon Dock
Manila II.	3	Gonner	Ger.	bgs.	511	Nov. 20	Wm. Pustau & Co.	San Francisco
Marco Polo	5	Breckwoldt	Ger.	bgs.	358	Nov. 29	Wielor & Co.	
Matchless	7	Dawes	Amer.	ah.	1165	Nov. 10	Meyer & Co.	
Melrose	4	Plimmer	Amer.	sh.	984	Sept. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Mercury	4	Thomas	Brit.	3m.s.	361	Dec. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Min-ydon	7	Leslie	Brit.	ah.	1108	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Moneta	7	Bisset	Brit.	bgs.	621	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.	New York
Morning Star	1	Michaelson	Siam.	bgs.	670	Dec. 10	Ohlsson	
Napier	1	Pryde	Brit.	bgs.	1200	Nov. 10	Messageries Maritimes	Callao
Nardoo	2	Paul	Brit.	bgs.	379	Nov. 16	Ohong Woo	
Nicolas	3	Paulsen	Ger.	bgs.	691	Oct. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Nigara	3	Stilkon	Ger.	sch.	157	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Cleared
Paralos	2	Pascu	Fch.	bgs.	342	Nov. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	K'loon Dock
Phaeton	6	Scheel	Brit.	bgs.	676	Dec. 11	Ohlsson	
Prince Arthur	3	Wills	Brit.	bgs.	296	Dec. 14	Ohlsson	
Rosetta McNeil	4	Brown	Amer.	bgs.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
San Francisco	3	Lamcken	Ger.	sch.	264	Dec. 18	Stemmen & Co.	
S. K. Seares	3	Oakes	Amer.	bgs.	607	Dec. 10	Russell & Co.	New York
Sophie	4	Binge	Ger.	bgs.	210	Nov. 20	Wielor & Co.	Guam
Spartacus	3	Vincent	Amer.	sch.	100	Sept. 23	W. H. Ray	Cleared
Strathuro	3	Miller	Brit.	bgs.	1159	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	
Sunata	3	Clough	Amer.	ah.	1020	Sept. 17	Russell & Co.	
Taiwan	4	Vasco	Ger.	bgs.	373	Nov. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Amoy
Tartar	4	Kamens	Ger.	bgs.	268	Oct. 31	Malchers & Co.	Quinhon
The Goolwa	3	Turkison	Brit.	bgs.	717	Nov. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Kangoon
Theresa & Nelly	1	Garceau	Fch.	bgs.	553	Nov. 16	Carlowitz & Co.	
Varuna	3	Sachau	Ger.	bgs.	486	Oct. 11	Wielor & Co.	Singapore
Verona	3	Bartlett	Brit.	bgs.	668	Oct. 24	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Vesta	3	Dirks	Ger.	bgs.	308	Oct. 2	Malchers & Co.	Channel f.o.
Wilhelm Hameyer	2	Holts	Ger.	bgs.	513	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
CANTON								
Chinkai	Ort	Ort	Brit.	str.	799	Dec. 18	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai